



# G-5's "Eye on AMC"

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### Workers rush to install up-armor, air conditioning systems

Workers at the Forward Repair Activity in Kuwait are working 16-hour shifts up-armorizing and installing air conditioning systems on HMMWVs, which just arrived from the United States.

"When we get a surge like this, we run 16 hours-per-day, seven-days-per-week, even 18 hours-per-day, whatever it takes to get the vehicles out," said Randy Hughes, division chief.

Almost 50 vehicles were received and staged for the up-armor process, air conditioner replacement and final inspection check-out. Work on the vehicles was finished early, said Hughes.

The Arifjan facility has installed over 3,000 armor kits and air conditioning units on HMMWV's for use in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The FRA is part of the Army Forward Support Brigade, Southwest Asia, which is responsible for all of the Army's tactical vehicles.

### AMC's former CSM awards Combat Action Badge to Soldier

Sgt. Patrick W. Miller, a metal worker and former prisoner of war, was recently awarded the new Combat Action Badge.

Miller, currently with the 183rd Maintenance Company, Fort Carson was awarded the Combat Action Badge July 20 by retired Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker, the Army Materiel Command's former command sergeant major, because of his courageous efforts on the battlefield.

While with the 507th Maintenance Company, his unit was ambushed by Iraqi insurgents in March 2003. Miller took a mortar position and saved the lives of three Soldiers.

When asked about how he felt after receiving the Combat Action Badge he selflessly stated, "Nice, but I didn't join the military for the badges and awards, that's not why I came to do the job."

The Combat Action Badge is the first of its kind and is awarded to those Soldiers who were engaged or personally engaged the enemy. The badge is a two-inch silver badge consisting of an oak wreath, a bayonet, a grenade and stars. The oak wreath symbolizes strength and loyalty, the bayonet and grenade reference active combat and the stars are added with previous awards.

Miller also received a Silver Star and a Purple Heart. AMC named its operations center and dedicated a wall in his name.

### Did you know ...

Gen. John P. Abizaid, commander of the U.S. Central Command, recently visited TACOM Life Cycle Management Command in Warren, Mich.

Abizaid, who is the top U.S. military commander in the Middle East, was met by TACOM LCMC commander Maj. Gen. William M. Lenaers and Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center's director Dr. Richard McClelland.

After being given a briefing on tactical wheeled vehicle fleet transformation strategy, Abizaid toured the TARDEC vehicle demonstration area and saw many of the products and innovations that TACOM LCMC personnel are producing to help fight the global war on terror.

Abizaid was impressed with what he saw and complementary in his comments. When speaking about the challenges he faces in Iraq, he said. "The bad guys are adapting all the time, that's why what you are doing here is so important. You guys have obviously got your heads in the right place."